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## Selectmen's Minutes 02/28/2005

### TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2005

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Mahon, Chair, Mr. Hurd, Vice Chair, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Greeley, and Mrs. Dias.

Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Maher, and Mrs. Krepelka.

7:15 p.m.

#### 1. CDBG Status Review

Kevin O'Brien, Director, Planning and Community Development

Mr. O'Brien passed out reports on the progress of different CDBG projects. He also informed the Board of the decrease in next year's appropriated funds. There will be a 5.5% cut that equals \$82,000.00 less for Arlington. There is a real threat of all CDBG funds being cut in the near future. There will be continuation of three Park renovations continued in the year 2006. Mr. O'Brien encouraged everyone interested in applying for CDBG funds to pick up a form from the Planning Department.

Mr. Lyons added that not only are the funds threatened, but also the eligibility requirements. Mr. Lyons will be fighting for the funds to remain the same for Arlington in Washington, D.C., March 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> and told everyone that the Town needs to provide compelling information on why this is important to keep.

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

### APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

#### 2. Appointment: New Election Worker

Cynthia Buckner, 990 Mass. Ave. #85, Pct. 10, U

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### 3. Appointment –Veterans' Services Director

William McCarthy

Mr. Maher informed the Board that according to the Town Manager Act this appointment must be made by the Town Manager.

Mr. Hurd moved to refer Mr. McCarthy to the Town Manager for appointment.

SO VOTED (5-0)

#### 4. Discussion: Patriots' Day Parade

William McCarthy, Veterans' Services Director

Joseph Marshall

Brian Greeley, Co-Chair of the Patriot's Day Committee, told the Board of Selectmen that on advice from the Police Department the route will not be expanded to East Arlington. Due to the complexity of bus and emergency routes they will work on changing the route for the next year. Mr. Hurd and Mr. Greeley requested that there be a change in the route the following year to include East Arlington.

Brian Greeley reported they are also trying to fundraise by selling decals for \$100.00, which can be gotten through Mr. McCarthy at Veteran's Services or at The Selectmen's Office. Brian Greeley will email Mrs. Krepelka pertinent

information regarding the decals.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

5. Keyspan Petition: Waldo Rd.

To install and maintain approximately 250 ft., more or less of 6" gas main.  
(all abutters notified)

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. NStar Petition: Mass. Ave. @ Park Ave.

To install approximately 699 ft. of conduit and to re-roof and rebuild manhole #20708  
(all abutters notified)

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to abutter approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Verizon Petition: Elmhurst Rd., D05-04

To provide telecommunications to new units at 264 Mass. Ave.  
(all abutters notified)

Mr. Hurd moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Hurd reminded the Verizon representative that it is a private road, but all abutters have been notified. The Board recommended he check with lawyers regarding petition rules of private ways.

8. RCN Petition: George St.

To install Fiber Optic and coaxial cables  
(all abutters notified)

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to neighbor approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**FOR APPROVAL**

9. Minutes of Meeting: February 14, 2005

Mrs. Mahon asked to amend the minutes to include that according to Town Counsel advice she has no conflict of interest in voting on these minutes.

Mr. Greeley moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

**LICENSES & PERMITS**

10. Request: Permission for Eye Mobile at Town Hall, 4/29/05

Benton S. Warren, Arlington Lions Club

Mr. Warren announced the Eye Mobile event is scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2005 and requested they be able to set up the van late Thursday, April 28, 2005. Another program he hopes will be available in the beginning of April is juvenile eye screening for ages 3 – 5 years old. Mr. Warren will work with the Town Manager to set up the juvenile program within the Town Hall Auditorium.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

11. Request: Use of Lawn of Jason Russell House, 4/10/05 and

Request: Use of Publicity Board 4/4-4/10/05, Walk for Affordable Housing

Review of Accomplishments and Presentation of Strategy

David Levy, Executive Director, Housing Corp. of Arlington

The Selectmen praised and thanked the Housing Corporation for their great work.

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

12. Request: Use of Bike Path, "Moving Day", 4/9/05, rain date 4/10/05

Kate Cremens-Basbas, Arlington High School

Ms. Cremens-Basbas explained that the Moving Day Walk is the Spring-time kick off to get people moving, which is funded by grant money encouraging people to make healthy choices.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

13. Request: Hang Flags along Massachusetts Ave. during April

Board of Library Trustees

Patricia Deal, member of the Board of Library Trustees, stated several activities are planned for April for National Library month.

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

14. Request: Use of Publicity Board, Hazardous Waste

John Sanchez, DPW Director

April 25 – May 2      August 15 - 22

May 16 - 23      September 12 – 19

June 13 – 20      October 7 – 17

July 11 – 18      October 31 – November 7

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Lyons asked the Town Manager that next year the leaf pick up time be re-extended

the three weeks that it has been done in the past. He also confirmed that it's possible to still drop off leaves at the DPW yard now.

Mr. Hurd asked that the Town Manager to increase the publicity board to three spots around the Town.

15. Request: Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, May 14, 2005

Rebecca Lee, Boston Event Officer

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**ADDENDUM**

Arlington Spanish Network

Jean Majia asked the Board to use the Town Hall sandwich board in front of Town Hall

from March 7<sup>th</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>, in preparation of their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Latin Fiesta which will take place on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

16. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

The following matter was presented for consideration of the Board.

Maria Nogueira, owner of My Hair Salon, thanked the Board for their help in the past and asked if they could help in getting the sign for her shop approved.

The Selectmen referred the matter to Town Counsel, who will call the Zoning Board for the status. Ms. Nogueira should contact Mr. Maher later this week.

**TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS**

17. Request: Crosswalk, 1395 Mass. Ave.

Mary Morgan, Program Coordinator, Sunrise Assisted Living of Arlington

Mr. Hurd moved to refer to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

18. Request/Discussion: On Street Overnight Parking

Harry Lipson and Beverly Ketchen, 37 Brantwood Rd.

(from 1/10/05 agenda)

Mrs. Dias moved to table until next meeting so resident would be present.

SO VOTED (5-0)

19. Discussion: Data Processing Budget

Ruth Lewis, Comptroller & Coordinator of Information Systems

Ms. Lewis requested a \$60,000.00 transfer from the Reserve Fund to cover emergency expenses incurred this year.

-\$25,000.00 needed immediately and

-\$35,000.00 needed to assist the current programmer. Mr. Bilafer spoke on behalf of this amount to maintain the Town's fiscal integrity.

Currently, documentation of programs is taking a lot of time and money. Mr. Lyons recommended that Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Lewis, and Mr. Bilafer work on long term planning that would put together standard procedures for in house management.

Mr. Greeley moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

20. CDBG Vote

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Lyons moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

21. Discussion: Sustainable Arlington

Maria Simoneau

Mark Breslow and Michael Roach spoke of Sustainable Arlington's successes and goals.

They announced a wind turbine program would take place in Hull this Saturday. Mr.

Roach reported that Arlington has wind suitable for power and that they are looking into getting a free evaluation of the schools scheduled to be rebuilt. Mr. Roach and the committee would like to do community outreach and education.

Sustainable Arlington is currently developing a 5-year plan utilizing interns. They asked for Town Staff cooperation regarding availability to answer questions, etc.

The Selectmen agreed that conservation is a very important issue and that it should be a priority.

Mr. Lyons recommended that the Town Manager re-organize natural resources into the DPW and that he should find the best person to be involved. Part of the savings could pay for the position. Mr. Lyons also recommended to the Town Manager that before the Town secures architects for the last two school renovations green school design should be a matter of policy. He also asked if Sustainable Arlington could help with the RFP/RFQ to retrofit some areas and pay for it overtime with the savings.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to refer to Mr. Sullivan to come up with a strategy to promote this issue.

SO VOTED (5-0)

**Correspondence Received**

Linda MacDonald On street overnight parking concerns Be Rec'd  
11 Harvard St.

Peter Silva Override Be Rec'd  
73 Fountain Rd.

Karen Malta On street overnight parking concerns Be Rec'd  
34 Thorndike St.

Judi Paradis Concerns relative to budget cuts Be Rec'd  
143 Forest St.

Mr. Greeley moved receipt of correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Dias suggested that Ms. Malta's letter be referred to the parking sub-committee for action.

Mrs. Krepelka stated that Ms. McDonald's letter has already been referred to the Building Department and the Police Department

The Selectmen requested a report back from both departments at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Lyons made a motion to recommend that State Aid Strategy be an agenda item at the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Also include Ms.

Paradis letter from correspondence.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon asked the Town Manager and the Redevelopment Board to come up with a strategy that will provide Arlington some protection regarding the Symmes development plan. Mr. Sullivan responded that there is a need for oversight at this project concerning building and engineering. He plans to use some of the permit revenues to pay for expertise to monitor the project. Mrs. Mahon announced that there is a matching grant program to help study the Alewife flooding issue at 7 to 9 sites. She will pass the information on to the Town Manager and the Board. Mrs. Dias suggested to Mrs. Mahon that the people who are sponsoring the grant should come to a Tri-Community Meeting.

Mr. Greeley announced that tonight is Roberto Scalesse's last night covering the Selectmen's Meeting. He has been promoted and will be working in Waltham. The Selectmen thanked him and praised him for his excellent and fair job writing about the Town.

Mr. Maher made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the valuation of land, the discussion of which at open session would have a detrimental effect for the Town's negotiating position with regard to that land and also to convene in executive session to discuss for the purpose of discussion of a pending or eminent litigation, the discussion of which at open session would have a detrimental effect on the strategy of the Town regarding the litigation. We will convene back in open session only for purpose of adjourning.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Krepelka initiated a roll call at 9:30 PM.

A True Record: Attest:

Marie A Krepelka  
Board Administrator

**Executive Session**